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income and as it was said here before, income tax for the state, sales tax and more than anything else, get the people off of welfare and get them off of food stamps. They have too much pride and would rather have a job. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell, then Senator Schmit, then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you know Senator Beutler isn't wrong on this matter, in fact he is right. The only question here is whether or not Nebraska, like every other state, is going to rip off the federal government as long as Congress allows us to do it. My opinion is we ought to but we ought to do it with a rational and a policy that aims towards putting jobs where people are. This bill will not do that as it is amended. It won't put the jobs where the people need the jobs. It will bring jobs to Omaha and for that reason it is probably not such an evil thing but I think there is a policy issue that we ought to some day look at more clearly and that is whether or not we want to really try to use this to target jobs where they ought to be. And also, we ought to some day send a message to Congress that we recognize that this costs a substantial amount of federal dollars and Senator Beutler has made that argument. I won't continue to make it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 13, LB 38, LB 38A, LB 218, LB 286 and LB 286A. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think that Senator Beutler gave us all something to think about. None of us disagree with much of what he has said. Much of what is being done by the federal government in this area is or does border upon insanity. I guess the question comes then as to when and how do you or we, as a state, try to counteract that kind of an action? I recall a few months ago I introduced a bill before the Banking Committee that would have reestablished a usury rate in the State of Nebraska. Senator Warner and I